

Letters to the editor

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DIAMOND WEDDING

On 18 March 2010, the Reverend John Newton and his wife, Barbara, celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. To mark the occasion, their son, Dr Richard Newton, and daughter, Elizabeth, organised a surprise party at The Horse & Jockey in Waddington, the very same venue that they had held their wedding reception, following their marriage at St Mark's Church in Lincoln. (St Mark's sadly no longer exists). Mr Dennis Willoughby, John's Best Man, was among the guests of family and friends who had travelled from all over the country.

Both Barbara and John were the children of Lincolnshire Police Officers. (Barbara's father in 1950 was a serving Police Inspector, although John's father, a Police Sergeant, had sadly died in 1947). John had followed in his father's footsteps joining the Lincolnshire Force after service in the Royal Corps of Signals during the Second World War and then the East African Military Police. During his career, he also served on Grantham Borough and the Northamptonshire, York & North East Yorkshire and Humberside Forces. He retired as a Chief Superintendent to begin a second career as a priest in the Church of England, after training at Cranmer Hall at St John's College in Durham.

Barbara was always there to support John, but she was active herself along the way in her membership of the Business & Professional Women, the Police Wives, the Townswomen's Guild and Inner Wheel. She was indeed President of Inner Wheel on three occasions, most latterly of the Bailgate Club.

It was on "retiring" from his last parish in Todwick near Sheffield that John and Barbara returned to Lincoln, the place where they had met and married. John then did chaplaincies overseas over the course of ten years and still helps out by taking services in the Lincoln Diocese. In fact, he took services on Easter Day in North and South Carlton!



THE WEDDING PARTY



CHIEF SUPERINTENDANT NEWTON



THE HAPPY COUPLE



DIAMOND WEDDING CAKE DISPLAY



STAR LETTER

DISTANT RELATIONS

Dear Lincolnshire Life,
I was most interested in the article in your latest magazine on Theddlethorpe St Helens (Poachings p.30). The W Sear mentioned as living at Twyford House was the father-in-law of my late sister-in-law, Barbara Sear, who married William's son John in about 1952. She lived with John and their children in a cottage next door to Twyford for several years and raised a dairy herd. They moved into Twyford about 1955 to look after John's mother until she died.

Barbara and John continued to live there until about 1996 and then they sold up and moved to Saltfleetby. Their son David Sear still lives in Theddlethorpe and designs and makes stain glass windows for churches.

Yours Sincerely
Beryl Peters,
Washingborough

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